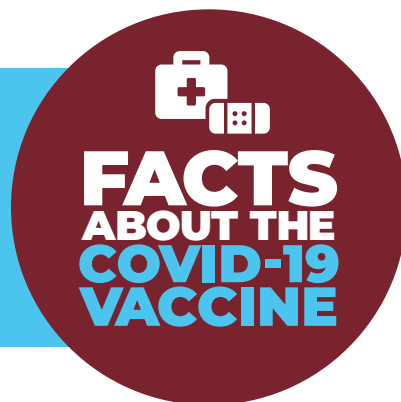


FACTS ABOUT THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN AGES 12 TO 17



The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for children and young teens. Only the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is currently authorized for children ages 12 to 17. Just like vaccines for illnesses such as measles and mumps, the COVID-19 vaccine protects your child against the coronavirus disease, which is preventable. Children are not immune to COVID-19. To date, 1.5 million cases have been reported in U.S. children ages 11 to 17. The COVID-19 vaccine is their best protection from the disease. **Here are some important vaccine details that parents should know:**

THE COVID-19 VACCINE HELPS PROTECT KIDS FROM GETTING COVID-19

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will also help keep them from getting seriously ill if they do get COVID-19.



THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS SAFE FOR CHILDREN

- A clinical trial involving more than 2,000 children and young teens (12 to 15 years old) showed that the vaccine is 100% effective and is well tolerated.
- No cases of COVID-19 were found among children who received the vaccine.
- Although there have been some cases of heart inflammation reported after vaccination for COVID-19, the cases have been mild and persons recover easily with medications and rest. The CDC continues to recommend the COVID-19 vaccine for youth given the greater risk of myocarditis, and other illnesses from COVID-19.
- There is no biological reason or proof that puberty can be impacted, since mRNA vaccines do not enter the nucleus of the cell.
- No loss of fertility has been reported among vaccine trial participants or the millions who have received the vaccines since their authorization, according to American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

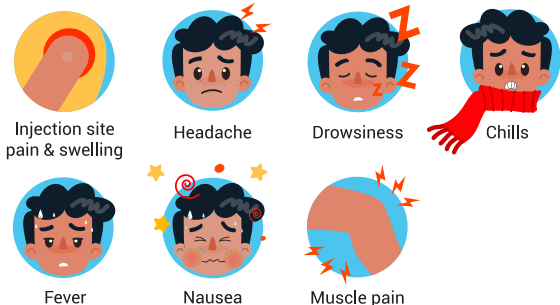


MINIMAL SIDE EFFECTS WERE REPORTED

Your child may have some side effects, which are normal signs that their body is building protection. These side effects may affect your child's ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Some people have no side effects. Side effects from the second shot may be more intense than those experienced after the first shot.



POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS AFTER COVID-19 VACCINATION INCLUDE:

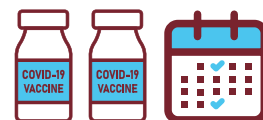


The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination far outweigh any potential risk of side effects. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect your child from getting COVID-19.

Contact your child's health care provider:

- If the redness or tenderness where the shot was given gets worse after 24 hours.
- If the side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days.

THE VACCINE IS RECOMMENDED IN TWO DOSES, THREE WEEKS APART



YOUR CHILD CAN GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE ALONG WITH OTHER VACCINES, DURING THE SAME VISIT

Your child can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines, at the same visit. Experience with other vaccines has shown that the way our bodies develop protection after getting vaccinated (immune response) and the possible side effects of vaccines are generally the same when given alone or with other vaccines. Talk with your health care provider to learn more.



FREE VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE STATEWIDE

- Pediatricians, pharmacies, and Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) clinics are available to give the vaccine to your child.
- Visit de.gov/youthvaccine for more information. Walk-ins are welcome at all DPH clinics.



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